REMARKS

The following remarks are provided in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2006 in which the Examiner reasoned that:

I.   Claims 1-8 and 24-31 are drawn to maintaining a log of a plurality of requests corresponding to a write operation, classified in class 707, subclass 9;

II.   Claims 9-15 are drawn to saving data associated with the write requests to set of mass storage device at a consistency point, classified in class 707, subclass 20;

III. Claims 16-23 are drawn to a network storage appliance to communicate in an interface to receive requests from a set of client device, the requests requesting that network storage appliance perform storage operations, classified in class 709, subclass 203.

The applicants herein elect **Group I (claims 1-8 and 24-31)** without traverse and respectfully request a timely examination of the elected claims. Further, the applicants preserve the right to pursue canceled claims **9-23** in a divisional application.